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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN PEACEKEEPERS KILLED IN FIRE FIGHT WITH
LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY

1. (U) MONUC Director of Information Kemal Saiki confirmed to PAO that eight Guatemalan peacekeepers were killed on January 23 in an operation against Lord's Resistance Army forces in Garamba National Park near the Sudanese border. An additional fourteen peacekeepers were injured, and have been taken by helicopter to Bunia. Saiki reported that the casualties occurred during a fire fight lasting several hours. Nepalese peacekeepers have been deployed to cordon off the area, according to Saiki.
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